# **ALL SAINTS'**



## This week's Newsbulletin

All Saints' Welcomes Everyone

## Services/events for this week

Fourth Sunday after Trinity 27<sup>th</sup> June 10.00 Family Eucharist in All Saints, with choral and organ music.

#### 16.00 Prayer and Praise

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85853370175 Meeting ID: 858 5337 0175

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 11.00 Morning Prayer on Zoom

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87458760537 Meeting ID: 874 5876 0537

13.00 Funeral of Mick Hopkins

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 12.00 noon Memorial Service for David Martin

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July
11.00 No Holy Communion in Church due to
Memorial Service on 30th

'Zoom'-ing by 'phone

Call 0203 051 2874, 0203 481 5237, 0203 481 5240 or 0131460 1196 and use meeting id followed by #

#### Fear and Faith

Dear Friends,

In this week's Gospel reading about the healing of Jairus's daughter and the woman who reached out and touched Jesus' robe to seek healing, we hear a great deal behind those stories about fear and faith.

Over the last year and a half we have all experienced realistic fears about the virus and the question is when we face these fears, where do we place our faith and where do we look for our assurance, our hope and healing and our future?

Do we do this by accumulating money or material possessions, trust in our own power and abilities, do these really give us peace of mind? The Gospel calls us to trust in God, but that is easier said than done.

The book of Lamentations reminds us "the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end." A lovely often quoted verse but It also talks about those times when one feels abandoned by God, it is a realistic look at faith in the face of fear.

The reading from Corinthians reminds us how sharing our resources, our material wealth with others can bring us great and deep assurance just as we also trust in God in our time of need. Generosity, Paul shows us is an act of faith which overcomes our fears. In the last few years the Church has been in the midst of uncertain times.

The question is: are we going to face the future with fear or faith? Are we going to reach out to one another the way the woman reached out to Jesus for comfort and healing?

Let's remember, the Church is, we are, the Body of Christ, and we have God's spirit and healing power flowing through us. So, are we going to face the future with fear or faith with generosity that overcomes need?

Love, Jo

### Tenants of the King



When we look at the beauty of creation surrounding us, whilst being constantly reminded of how precarious the state of the ecosystems and the natural environment is, we can be left confused and despairing, wondering what can be done. It can be comforting to read the Psalms and see side by side magnificent praise poems and heart-felt lamentation, which seems close to our current state of mind.

Our next discussion series, Tenants of the King, addresses the issues of how we can live as responsible stewards of God's Kingdom - be His tenants. There will be 4 sessions, held on Zoom, at 7:30 on July 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th. Each session will begin with a short video presentation introducing the topics:

- What's Creation for?
- What's the Problem?,
- What can I do?
- Speak up!

There is some material which we will distribute beforehand, so if you would like to join us, please let Janet Bird or Nerine Chalmers know. Everyone is welcome

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81632552830 Meeting ID: 816 3255 2830

### Climate Awareness Day

At the service on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June, Fiona and Nerine will be sharing details of a planned Climate Awareness day in the Autumn.

This is an ambitious but very exciting project, details of which we are looking forward to sharing with everyone at All Saints.

## Circle of Prayer and Open Church

On the second Saturday of every month, the church will be open between 10:00 and 12 noon, beginning on July 10th.

Anyone wanting to come and spend some time in contemplation or prayer, or to come and look around, will be very welcome.

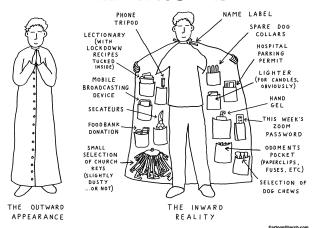
At the beginning there will be a circle of prayer in which we will give thanks and also pray for the needs around us. Everyone is welcome to join us for this time, and there will also be an opportunity to have someone pray with you.

## **Messy Church**



A Messy Church picnic, following all government guidance on meeting outside, is planned for Sunday, July 18 at 4:00 p.m. in the grounds of St John's Hall. We are hoping to be able to restart our regular Messy Church sessions in September, this time on the first Sunday of every month.

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